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Dear John

Thank you for your request, received on 28 February 2019, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to know how TEC call for nominations for their board and agency they manage.

I understand from the Ministry of Women's website that they are a total of 26 boards that TEC manage. Can you please confirm if this is correct. It would be great if you could provide a list of board and agency you are manage as well.

Also, I would like to know how the general public can submit their interest to TEC and how does TEC call for nomination from the public in the past.

Further, I would like to know if there are any upcoming governance position in 2019 for the board that TEC manage and where you plan to call for express of interest from the public, e.g. from job,govt website.

The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) does not manage any boards. The TEC has a Board of Commissioners, and the Minister of Education is responsible for appointing commissioners to the TEC's Board. The Ministry of Education provides advice to the Minister and manages the process of appointment of commissioners to the TEC's Board. Information about this process can be found on the Ministry of Education's website at: www.education.govt.nz/our-work/our-role-and-our-people/what-we-do/crown-appointments/.

The Minister of Education is also responsible for appointing council members to tertiary education institution (TEI) councils. The Minister generally appoints three or four members of each council. All other council members are appointed by the council in accordance with its own arrangements. The TEC's role is to provide advice to the Minister of Education and administer the Ministerial appointment process.

There are currently 27 TEIs made up of three wānanga, eight universities and 16 institutes of technology or polytechnics (ITPS). As two ITPs, Whitireia and Weltec, have a combined governing council this means that the TEC provides advice to the Minister of Education on appointments to 26 TEI councils.

The TEC will provide advice to the Minister on appointments to several TEIs including universities, wānanga and ITPs in 2019.



More information about the nomination process and how the general public can submit their interest in being appointed to a TEI council can be found on the TEC's website at <https://www.tec.govt.nz/teo/working-with-teos/tei/governance/> . The TEC does not intend to call for expressions of interest from members of the public who are interested in becoming members of a TEI council.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Fowler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Fowler
Chief Executive
Tertiary Education Commission

